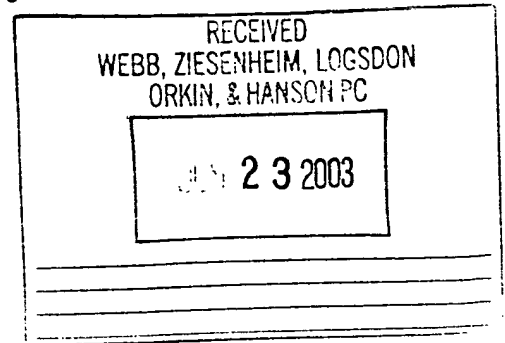




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In re application of:
Todd L. Lydic et al DECISION ON PETITION
Serial No.: 09/664,118
Filed: September 18, 2000
For: RAILROAD CAR HAVING COLD
FORMED CENTER SILL

This is a decision on the petition received on November 18, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed November 8, 2000. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned January 9, 2001. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed on August 26, 2002.

On November 18, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgement that the attorney responded to the Notice of Missing Parts on March 13, 2001.

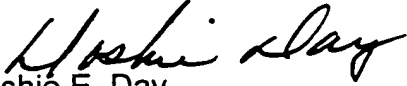
The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice of Missing Parts on March 13, 2001.

The petition is hereby Granted.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 3726.

The office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the client.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doshie E. Day".

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